House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5857–5873; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 901–903 were introduced. Pages H4208–09

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative DesJarlais to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess:The House recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Monsignor John Zenz, Holy Name Parish, Birmingham, Michigan.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 188 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 192.

Pages H4149, H4163-64

Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018: The House considered H.R. 2, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023. Consideration began yesterday, May 16th.

Pages H4164-73, H4173-88, H4188-99, H4199-201, H4201-05 Agreed to:

Herrera-Beutler amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that directs the payment of a portion of stewardship project revenues to the county in which the stewardship project occurs;

Pages H4164-65

Gosar amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes counties to be included in Good Neighbor Authority cooperative agreements and contracts in order to improve forest health and bolster watershed restoration;

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Gianforte amendment (No. 12 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes expedited salvage operations for areas burned by wildfire to salvage dead trees and reforest to prevent re-burn, provide for the utilization of burned trees, or to provide a funding source for reforestation; requires a two month environmental assessment for reforestation activities and at least 75% of the burned area be reforested;

Pearce amendment (No. 15 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that allows the Village of Santa Clara to purchase land from the United States Forest Service that was formerly part of Fort Bayard Military Reservation;

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LaMalfa amendment (No. 16 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that streamlines the Forest Service application process required to construct broadband infrastructure on federal land;

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Westerman amendment (No. 17 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that instructs the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior to provide Congress a yearly report tabulating the metrics surrounding wildfire prevention, including the number of acres treated and agency response time;

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Pearce amendment (No. 18 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that reauthorizes the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for another 10 years;

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Tipton amendment (No. 19 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that authorizes the U.S. Forest Service to convey 3.61 acres of Forest Service Land to Dolores County, Colorado for the strict purpose of building a fire station;

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Thornberry amendment (No. 20 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that establishes Cattle and Carcass Grading Correlation and Training Centers to limit subjectivity and increase the accuracy of grading cattle across the country;

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Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that makes technical and conforming changes, in addition to making amendments to titles IV, VI and XI of H.R. 2; these amendments consist of changes to nutrition programs, requiring consultation between USDA and NTIA on broadband loan and grant programs and establishing a food access liaison at USDA;

Pages H4177–81

LaHood amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that streamlines the sign up process for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) by directing the Secretary of Agriculture to change the regulatory requirements from an annual sign up to a "one and done" process for ARC and PLC only;

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Faso amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that expands USDA's ability to assess natural resource concerns through enhanced measurement, evaluation, and reporting on conservation program outcomes;

Pages H4185–86

Fortenberry amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that provides sequencing and prioritization for volunteer visits and improves communication and coordination between USDA, USAID and implementing partners; the amendment also establishes a geographically defined crop yield metrics system and an Internet-based resource for

data and knowledge sharing among the participants, stakeholders and the public; Pages H4188–89

MacArthur amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ensures that if an individual becomes ineligible to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program as a household member due to failure to meet the requirements under subparagraph (B), the remaining household members (including children), shall not become ineligible to apply to participate in the supplemental nutrition assistance program due to such individuals ineligibility;

Pages H4189–91

Holding amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ends eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for convicted violent rapists, pedophiles and murderers after enactment into law;

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González-Colón amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study on developing a Thrifty Food Plan to calculate the amount of the Nutritional Assistance Program for Puerto Rico;

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Young (AK) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that expands access to traditional foods for native populations first created in Sec. 4033 of PL 113–79;

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Gonźlez-Colón amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide an extension of study on comparable access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico;

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Faso amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that provides states the flexibility to contract out administrative functions of SNAP (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 196);

Pages H4192-94, H4198

Westerman amendment (No. 13 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that requires the Forest Service to consider long-term health of our nations forests when developing collaborative management plans, and shields agency decision making from certain injunctions on sustainable forest management (by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 198);

Pages H4167–68, H4199–H4200

Young (AK) amendment (No. 14 printed in part C of H. Rept. 115–677) that exempts all National Forests in Alaska from the U.S. Forest Service Roadless Rule (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 199); Pages H4168–70, H4200–01

Turner amendment (No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that ensures that newly designated 1890 Institution's base funding is calculated by using the same formula as already established 1890 Institutions;

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Stefanik amendment (No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that adds invasive vegetation to Section 602 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act; and

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Cheney amendment (No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that directs the USFS and DOI to make vacant allotments available to grazing permit or lease holders in the event of a natural disaster, conflict with wildlife, or court-issued injunction; to prevent a court injunction in the event that the federal agency is unable to make a vacant allotment available.

Pages H4204-05

Rejected:

Foxx amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to modernize and reform the sugar program by removing barriers to domestic production and implementing market reforms (by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 193);

Pages H4174-77, H4196

McClintock amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to phase out agricultural subsidies (by a recorded vote of 34 ayes to 380 noes, Roll No. 194); Pages H4181–84, H4196–97

McClintock amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to amend SNAP work requirements to repeal geographic area waivers to allow states to exempt only 5% of SNAP recipients, set the same hour per week work requirement for married parents as for single parents, exempt parents of children under 3 instead of children under 6, and require participants in training programs to go through E Verify (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 330 noes, Roll No. 195); and

Pages H4186-88, H4197-98

Biggs amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that sought to repeal the bioenergy subsidy programs established in title IX of the 2002 farm bill (by a recorded vote of 75 ayes to 340 noes, Roll No. 197).

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Withdrawn:

Rogers (AL) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that amends the Conservation Title to cap the number of CRP acres at 24 million a year.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Russell amendment (No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 115–679) that seeks to amends the Agricultural Risk Protection act of 2000 to prohibit the Department of Agriculture (USDA) from awarding value-added agricultural product market development grants to support the marketing of beer, wine, distilled spirits, hard cider, or other alcohol products; the amendment also rescinds \$8 million of the unobligated funds that were previously provided to USDA for grants.

Pages H4201–03

H. Res. 891, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5698), (S. 2372), and (H.R. 2) was agreed to yesterday, May 16th.

H. Res. 900, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 191, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 190.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 900, amendment numbered 7 printed in House Report 115–679 may be considered out of sequence.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Doyle presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 873, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 129) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Restoring Internet Freedom" (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–125).

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Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and Iceland—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 115–127). Page H4205

Senate Referral: S. 2349 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4164.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4162, H4162–63, H4163–64, H4196, H4197, H4197–98, H4198, H4199, H4199–H4200, and H4200–01. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the FY 2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The FY

2019 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING PRIVACY, PROMOTING DATA SECURITY: EXPLORING HOW SCHOOLS AND STATES KEEP DATA SAFE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Protecting Privacy, Promoting Data Security: Exploring How Schools and States Keep Data Safe". Testimony was heard from David Couch, K–12 CIO and Associate Commissioner, Kentucky Office of Education Technology; Gary Lilly, Superintendent, Bristol Tennessee City Schools; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4684, the "Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2018"; H.R. 5329, the "Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018"; H.R. 5580, the "STOP Fentanyl Deaths Act of 2018"; H.R. 5587, the "Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act"; H.R. 5795, the "Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act"; H.R. 5812, the "Creating Opportunities that Necessitate New and Enhanced Connections That Improve Opioid Navigation Strategies Act"; H.R. 5590, the "Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act"; H.R. 5603, the "Access to Telehealth Services for Opioid Use Disorder"; H.R. 5605, the "Advancing High Quality Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders in Medicare Act"; H.R. 5798, the "Opioid Screening and Chronic Pain Management Alternatives for Seniors Act"; H.R. 5804, the "Post-Surgical Injections as an Opioid Alternative Act"; H.R. 5809, the "Postoperative Opioid Prevention Act of 2018"; H.R. 5715, the "Strengthening Partnerships to Prevent Opioid Abuse Act"; H.R. 5716, the "Commit to Opioid Medical Prescriber Accountability and Safety for Seniors Act"; H.R. 5796, the "Responsible Education Achieves Care and Healthy Outcomes for Users' Treatment Act of 2018"; H.R. 1925, the "At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2017"; H.R. 3192, the "CHIP Mental Health Parity Act"; H.R. 4005, the "Medicaid Reentry Act"; H.R. 4998, the "Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act"; H.R. 5477, the "Rural Development of Opioid Capacity Services Act"; H.R. 5583, the "Requiring Medicaid Programs to Report on All Core Behavioral Health Measures"; H.R. 5789, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicaid coverage protections for pregnant and postpartum women while receiving inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder; H.R. 5797, the "IMD CARE Act"; H.R. 5799, the "Medicaid DRUG Improvement